

VINDICATION OF MR. WAKEFIELD.

Government Expresses Regret for His Arrest.

Onicer Thoroughly Misinterpreted Orders—Unfortunate Details of the Affair.

The residents of Hilo were very much wrought up last week by the arrest of Mr. F. M. Wakefield by Sheriff Williams on the charge of treason. So positive were Mr. Wakefield's friends of his loyalty to the Republic, that an indignation meeting was held and a delegation of prominent citizens selected to accompany him to this city and obtain an explanation of this unwarranted proceeding.

It appears that Mr. Wakefield's personal friendship with the Ashfords, while living in Honolulu, led the authorities to the supposition that he might give them some light on the connection of the Ashfords with the insurrection. Consequently Mr. Van Giesen was delegated a special messenger to proceed to Hilo and ask Mr. Wakefield to come to Honolulu, with the very natural addenda that if Mr. Wakefield refused to come to "bring him." Arriving at Mahukona, Van Giesen telephoned to Sheriff Williams that Mr. Wakefield's presence was desired at Honolulu. The sheriff asked on what charge, to which Van Giesen replied, "There is no charge." Armed with this authority the sheriff proceeded to arrest Mr. Wakefield on the charge of treason, and kept him a guarded prisoner in his house. When Van Giesen appeared on the scene the next day he explained that the authorities simply wanted to talk with Mr. Wakefield and he was released from police surveillance, came to this city, told the authorities he knew nothing of the Ashfords' private affairs, and went his way as many another citizen has done during the recent trouble.

In view of the treatment he had received, Mr. Wakefield's friends believed an apology from the Government the only proper reparation. They appeared before the cabinet yesterday morning, and as a result of their interview Mr. Wakefield received a letter from Attorney-General W. O. Smith, in which was expressed the regret that he should have been subjected to the treatment received at the hands of an officer of the Government.

Thus the unfortunate affair has been smoothed over and the stigma removed from Mr. Wakefield which might have been cast upon him by the unfortunate action of the sheriff. It is due Mr. Wakefield to state that the authorities did not anticipate the necessity of his arrest, or the extreme measures that were used against him. He is a firm supporter of the Government and an active member of the Citizens' Guard of Hilo.

Prominent Visitors.

Among the arrivals by the Miowera for Honolulu were Messrs. C. S. Bailey and F. J. Painton. Both of these gentlemen are prominent merchants of Vancouver, British Columbia. The former is a bookseller and photographer. He will remain in the country for some months making views of prominent points and will extend his tour to the volcano and other islands. Mr. Painton is one of the largest music dealers in the North, and visits the country for pleasure and health. He will also remain several months. The gentlemen are favorably impressed with Honolulu and anticipate a pleasant sojourn in the Paradise of the Pacific. They say the islands are attracting considerable attention in the northern country, and that a large number of people will come hither during the next few months.

Harmony Lodge Officers.

Brother C. J. Fishel, D. D. G. Sire, assisted by Sister Rose Adler as G. Marshal, Sister C. Petrie as G. Warden, Brother J. J. Lecker, P. D. D. G. S., as G. Master, and Brother C. Carter as G. Secretary, installed the following officers at their regular meeting, Friday evening:

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Sister E. Turner, I. G.
Sister E. Dayton, Organist.

WEDDING LAST NIGHT.

Mr. Chas. F. Sawyer and Miss Gertrude Severance Married.

Mrs. Parke's residence on Bereania street was the scene of a quiet but pretty wedding last night, when Mr. Chas. F. Sawyer and Miss Gertrude Severance were made man and wife. At 7:30 o'clock the contracting parties took up a position in the center of the spacious double parlors and Rev. O. H. Gulick read the beautiful Episcopal marriage ceremony.

The wedding was a private one, the attendance being limited to intimate friends of the family. Among those present were noticed President and Mrs. Dole, Minister and Mrs. Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Hatch, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Allen, Dr. and Mrs. Day, Mr. and Mrs. Swanzy, Prof. Scott, Mrs. Edger-ton, Mrs. J. F. Brown, Mrs. Wetherbee, Misses White, Hartwell, Mott-Smith, Atkinson and Richards; Messrs. Walter Dillingham, Sam Wilder, Lowden and Lovelink, besides immediate relatives of the bride, these being Mr. and Mrs. Luther Severance and daughter, of Hilo, Mrs. Geo. B. Kirkbride, of Minneapolis, Minn., respectively uncle, aunt, cousin and sister of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. Pierce, of St. Paul, Minn., friends of the groom.

As the bridal party entered the parlor Misses Atkinson, Richards and Mrs. J. F. Brown played Lohengren's wedding march. Misses Helen Severance and Annie Parke were bridesmaids, and Mr. W. C. Parke was groomsmen.

After the ceremony an elegant and sumptuous repast was partaken of. The Quintette Club was present and played and sang a number of selections. The grounds were brilliantly illuminated with paper lanterns of all shades, which gave a gala appearance to the surroundings.

The bride and groom received a large number of beautiful, costly and useful presents from friends and acquaintances in Honolulu, besides many in San Francisco which are stored at Shreve's jewelry house.

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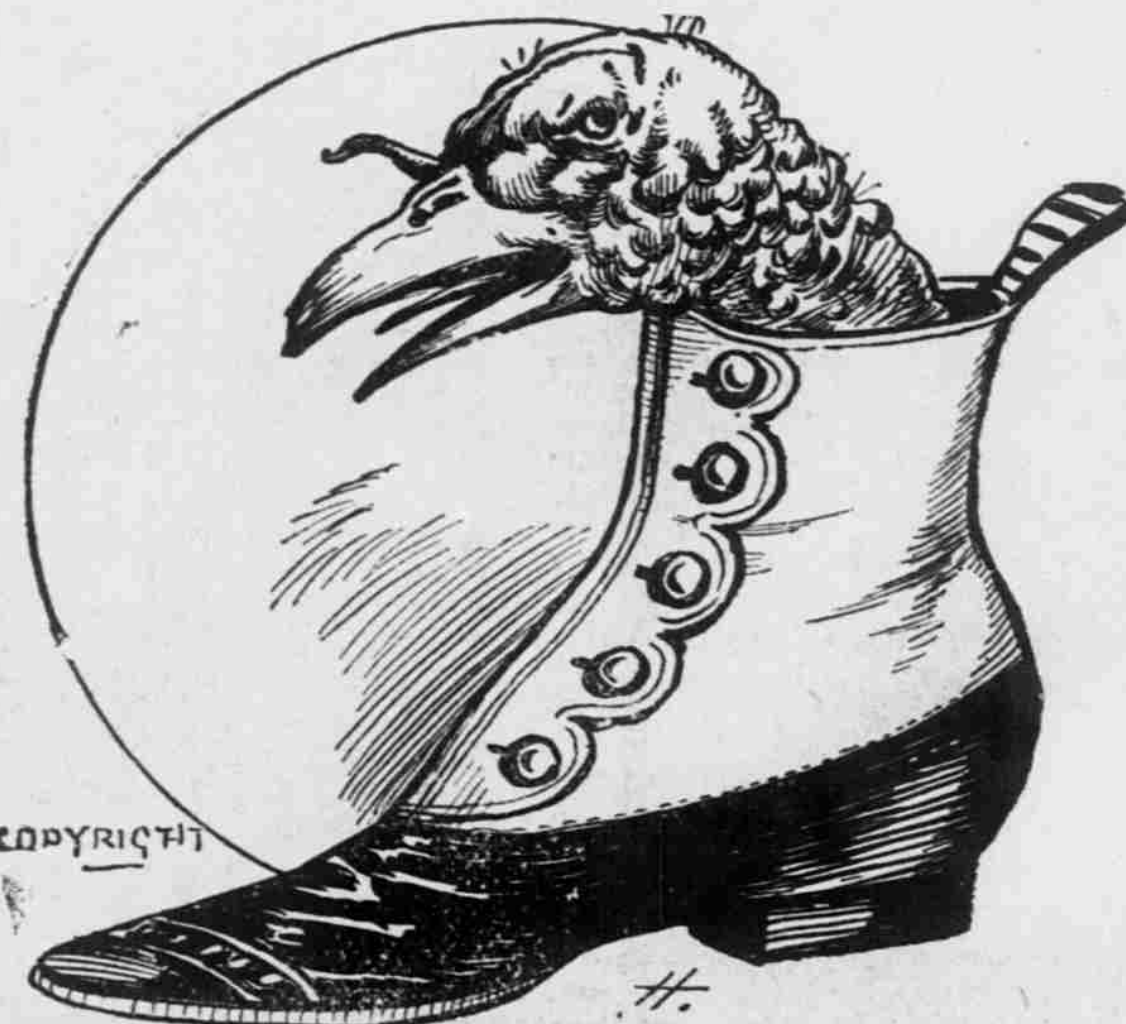
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